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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: John G. CARMAN

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Group Art Unit: 1638

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Examiner: Keith O'Neal Robinson

For: METHODS FOR STABILIZING AND
CONTROLLING APOMIXIS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement issued on March 18, 2005, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-20 and 29-38, drawn to a method of producing an angiospermous apomictic plant that exhibits increased genetic stability comprising the selection and hybridization of sexual angiospermous plants having diverent reproductive schedules of ovule development and doubling the chromosome number of at least one plant, classified in class 800, subclass 271.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more divisional or continuing applications to protect the inventions of the non-elected group and other disclosed, but unclaimed, subject matter prior to the issuance of this application.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this response. Should any fees be required, please charge such fees to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814.

Respectfully submitted,

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